



Weekly Vocab Dose

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Exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here. Go through these words and read the usages to learn how to use them in sentences. After this, take the quiz based on the vocabulary to check how much you learnt. This will really help you boost up your learning.

Happy learning!!!

1.DERELICTION (noun): कर्तव्य का त्याग

Pronunciation: deh·ruh·lik·shn

Meaning: the state of having been abandoned and become dilapidated.

Synonyms: dilapidation, disrepair, decrepitude

Antonyms: reclamation, recouplement, repossession

Sentence: He pleaded guilty to willful dereliction of duty.

2.STAUNCH (adj.) : निष्ठावान

Pronunciation: stānch

Meaning: loyal and committed in attitude.

Synonyms: stalwart, loyal, faithful

Antonyms: disloyal, faithless, false

Sentence: She's a staunch advocate of free trade.

3.EXECRABLE (adj.) : भद्दा

Pronunciation: ek·suh·kruh·bl

Meaning: extremely bad or unpleasant.

Synonyms: appalling, awful, dreadful

Antonyms: excellent, fine, wonderful

Sentence: He stood at the desk, laboring in his execrable handwriting.

4.PESSIMISM (noun) : निराशावाद

Pronunciation: peh·suhm·i·zm

Meaning: a tendency to see the worst aspect of things or believe that the worst will happen; a lack of hope or confidence in the future.

Synonyms: defeatism, negativity, cynicism

Antonyms: optimism, cheer, hopefulness

Sentence: The dispute cast an air of deep pessimism over the future of the peace talks.

5.GRAVEST (adj.) : सबसे गंभीर

Pronunciation: grayv·uhst

Meaning: giving cause for alarm; serious.

Synonyms: serious, important, profound

Antonyms: light, unserious, frivolous

Sentence: That is the gravest problem of all.

6.ASPERSE (verb) : कलंक लगाना

Pronunciation: uh·spuhs

Meaning: attack or criticize the reputation or integrity of.

Synonyms: disparage, denigrate, defame

Antonyms: glorify, honor, acclaim

Sentence: Why is he always trying to asperse my reputation?

7.REVERED (verb) : सम्मान

Pronunciation: ruh·veeuhd

Meaning: feel deep respect or admiration for (something).

Synonyms: respect, admire, esteem

Antonyms: desecrated, profaned

Sentence: Nelson Mandela is revered for his brave fight against apartheid.

8.HEED (verb) : सावधानी

Pronunciation: heed

Meaning: pay attention to; take notice of.

Synonyms: pay attention to, take notice of, notice

Antonyms: disregard, ignore

Sentence: She refused to heed their warnings.

9.REVILE (verb) : गाली देना

Pronunciation: re·vile

Meaning: criticize in an abusive or angrily insulting manner.

Synonyms: criticize, censure, condemn

Antonyms: praise, extol

Sentence: It was forbidden to insult or revile another person or officer.

10.AMICABLE (adj.) : मैत्रीपूर्ण

Pronunciation: a·muh·kuh·bl

Meaning: (of relations between people) having a spirit of friendliness; without serious disagreement or rancor.

Synonyms: friendly, good-natured, cordial

Antonyms: disagreeable, discordant, incompatible

Sentence: There will be an amicable settlement of the dispute.

11.MULL (verb): वचार करना**Pronunciation:** muhl**Meaning:** think about (a fact, proposal, or request) deeply and at length.**Synonyms:** ponder, consider, think over**Antonyms:** disregard, ignore, overlook**Sentence:** She began to mull over the various possibilities.**12.AVERSION (noun) :** घृणा**Pronunciation:** uh•vuh•zhn**Meaning:** a strong dislike or disinclination.**Synonyms:** dislike of, distaste for, hatred**Antonyms:** affection, appetite, love**Sentence:** He had a deep-seated aversion to most forms of exercise.**13.DIZZY (adj.) :** अस्थिर/चक्कर**Pronunciation:** di•zee**Meaning:** having or involving a sensation of spinning around and losing one's balance.**Synonyms:** giddy, lightheaded, faint**Antonyms:** clearheaded, stable, steady**Sentence:** Jonathan had begun to suffer dizzy spells.**14.PERTURB (verb) :** घबरा देना**Pronunciation:** puh•tuhb**Meaning:** make (someone) anxious or unsettled.**Synonyms:** worry, upset, unsettle**Antonyms:** calm, compose, quiet**Sentence:** They were perturbed by her capricious behavior.**15.SPORADIC (adj.) :** छिटपुट**Pronunciation:** spuh•ra•duhk**Meaning:** occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered or isolated.**Synonyms:** occasional, infrequent, irregular**Antonyms:** constant, continuous, periodic**Sentence:** Her attendance at school was sporadic.**16.ALLAY (verb) :** कम करना**Pronunciation:** uh•lay**Meaning:** diminish or put at rest (fear, suspicion, or worry).**Synonyms:** reduce, diminish, decrease

Antonyms: increase, intensify, enlarge

Sentence: The report attempted to educate the public and allay fears.

17.ADAMANT (adj.) : हठी

Pronunciation: a•duh•muhnt

Meaning: refusing to be persuaded or to change one's mind.

Synonyms: adamantine, bullheaded, invincible

Antonyms: acquiescent, agreeable, flexible

Sentence: He is adamant that he is not going to resign.

18.RECONDITE (adj.) : गंभीर

Pronunciation: reh•kuhn•dite

Meaning: (of a subject or knowledge) little known

Synonyms: obscure, abstruse, arcane

Antonyms: shallow, superficial, simple

Sentence: The book is full of recondite information.

19.SERENDIPITY (noun) : नसीब

Pronunciation: seh•ruhn•di•puh•tee

Meaning: the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way.

Synonyms: luck, good fortune, chance

Antonyms: mischance, misfortune, unluckiness

Sentence: Nature has created wonderful serendipity.

20.FEEBLE (adj.) : कमजोर

Pronunciation: fee•bl

Meaning: lacking physical strength, especially as a result of age or illness.

Synonyms: weak, puny, frail

Antonyms: mighty, powerful, rugged

Sentence: My legs are very feeble after the flu.

21.AILING (adj.): बीमार

Pronunciation: ayl•uhng

Meaning: in poor health.

Synonyms: ill, unwell, sick

Antonyms: healthy, well, fit

Sentence: I went to see my ailing mother.

22.EVICT (verb) : बेदखल करना**Pronunciation:** uh•vikt**Meaning:** expel (someone) from a property, especially with the support of the law.**Synonyms:** expel, eject, remove**Antonyms:** take in, welcome, admit**Sentence:** He had court orders to evict the trespassers from three camps.**23.PITY (noun) :** दया**Pronunciation:** pi•tee**Meaning:** the feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering and misfortunes of others.**Synonyms:** compassion, commiseration, condolence**Antonyms:** inhumanity, mercilessness, cruelty**Sentence:** Her voice was full of pity.**24.MELEE (noun) :** हाथापाई**Pronunciation:** meh•lay**Meaning:** a confused fight, skirmish, or scuffle.**Synonyms:** tumult, disturbance, rumpus**Antonyms:** truce, peace**Sentence:** Several people were hurt in the melee.**25.STRANGLE (verb) :** गला घोटना**Pronunciation:** strang•gl**Meaning:** squeeze or constrict the neck of (a person or animal), especially so as to cause death.**Synonyms:** throttle, choke, garrotte**Antonyms:** restore, resuscitate, revive**Sentence:** The victim was strangled with a scarf.**26.ARBITRATION (noun) :** पंचफैसला**Pronunciation:** aa•buh•tray•shn**Meaning:** the use of an arbitrator to settle a dispute.**Synonyms:** adjudication, negotiation, conciliation**Antonyms:** ignore, agitate, confuse.**Sentence:** Tayside Regional Council called for arbitration to settle the dispute.**27.AMEND (verb) :** संशोधन**Pronunciation:** uh•mend

Meaning: make minor changes in (a text) in order to make it fairer, more accurate, or more up-to-date.

Synonyms: revise, alter, modify

Antonyms: worsen, disfigure, injure

Sentence: The rule was amended to apply only to non-members.

28.EULOGIZE (verb) : प्रशंसा करना

Pronunciation: eu•lo•gize

Meaning: praise highly in speech or writing.

Synonyms: Applaud, honor, glorify

Antonyms: blame, criticize, condemn

Sentence: He was eulogized at his funeral as a great actor and a good friend.

29.PROCURE (verb) : प्राप्त करना

Pronunciation: pruh•kyaw

Meaning: obtain (something), especially with care or effort.

Synonyms: obtain, acquire, get

Antonyms: forfeit, lose, give away

Sentence: Can you procure some tickets for me?

30.SNUG (adj.) : आरामदायक

Pronunciation: snuhg

Meaning: comfortable, warm, and cozy; well protected from the weather or cold.

Synonyms: comfortable, warm, cheerful

Antonyms: uncomfortable, unpleasant, harsh

Sentence: They lay snug and warm amid the blankets.

31. IMPREGNABLE (ADJECTIVE): अजेय

Pronunciation: uhm•preg•nuh•bl

Meaning: incapable of being overcome, challenged, or defeated

Synonyms: invincible, invulnerable, unconquerable

Antonyms: susceptible, vulnerable

Sentence: The prison's impregnable security wall makes it impossible for inmates to leave the grounds.

32. SALVO (NOUN): धमाका

Pronunciation: sal•voh

Meaning: a simultaneous discharge of two or more guns in military action; a sudden, vigorous, or aggressive act

Synonyms: barrage, flurry

Antonyms: drip, tricle, dribble

Sentence: The soldier loaded his gun in order to complete the salvo.

33. FRUITION (NOUN): सफलता

Pronunciation: froo·i·shn

Meaning: the realization or fulfilment of a plan or project

Synonyms: accomplishment, fulfillment, attainment

Antonyms: failure, inception

Sentence: After much delay, the plan to build the new hospital finally came to fruition.

34. DELEGITIMISE (VERB): अमान्य

Pronunciation: dee-leh-jih-tih-mize

Meaning: withdraw legitimate status or authority; to make something seem not valid or not acceptable

Synonyms: invalidate, nullify, proscribe

Antonyms: legitimize, sanction

Sentence: The government's tactics have been to delegitimize the voices of the poor.

35. SCUFFLING (VERB): हाथा पाई करना

Pronunciation: skuh·fuhl·uhng

Meaning: engage in a short, confused fight or struggle at close quarters.

Synonyms: fight, struggle, tussle

Antonyms: sliding, coasting

Sentence: The teacher noticed two students scuffling in the corridor.

36. INDIGENT (ADJECTIVE): दरिद्र

Pronunciation: in·duh·jnt

Meaning: poor, needy.

Synonyms: poor, impecunious, destitute

Antonyms: prosperous, opulent, rich

Sentence: Because he was indigent, the court-appointed a lawyer to represent him.

37. AVER (VERB): दृढता से कहना

Pronunciation: uh·vuh

Meaning: state or assert to be the case.

Synonyms: declare, assert, state

Antonyms: deny, gainsay

Sentence: I aver that I have spoken the truth.

38. ANOMALOUS (ADJECTIVE): नियम वरूद्ध**Pronunciation:** uh·naw·muh·luhs**Meaning:** deviating from what is standard, normal, or expected.**Synonyms:** abnormal, atypical, non typical**Antonyms:** natural, normal, regular**Sentence:** There was an anomalous storm hanging over the city that no one could explain, as it had seemingly appeared out of nowhere on a sunny day.**39. EVANGELIZATION (NOUN):** ईसाई धर्म प्रचार**Pronunciation:** evan·ge·lize·zn**Meaning:** to convert to Christianity.**Synonyms:** Proselytization, Preaching**Antonyms:** Secularism**Sentence:** The church organized a series of evangelization campaigns to reach out to the local community.**40. EXTRADITION (NOUN):** प्रत्यर्पण**Pronunciation:** ek·struh·di·shn**Meaning:** the return of someone accused of a crime to the country where the crime was committed.**Synonyms:** Rendition, Surrender**Antonyms:** Asylum, Sanctuary**Sentence:** The extradition treaty between the two countries allows for the transfer of suspected criminals.**41. DISPEL (VERB):** दूर हो जाना**Pronunciation:** duh·speld**Meaning:** to make something, especially a feeling or a belief, disappear**Synonyms:** Eliminate, Banish**Antonyms:** Collect, Gather**Sentence:** We need to dispel the myths and establish real facts.**42. BARBARITY (NOUN):** क्रूरता**Pronunciation:** baa·ba·ruh·tee**Meaning:** Extremely cruel and violent behavior**Synonyms:** Brutality, Atrocity**Antonyms:** Humanity**Sentence:** He is accused of inflicting unimaginable barbarities on his own people.

43. OUSTED (VERB): बेदखल**Pronunciation:** awst·uhd**Meaning:** To force someone to leave a position of power, job, place, or competition**Synonyms:** Fired, Expel**Antonyms:** Admitted**Sentence:** The president was ousted (from power) in a military coup in January 1987.**44. UNSHACKLE (VERB):** स्थिर होना**Pronunciation:** uhn·sha·kl**Meaning:** To set free from restrictions**Synonyms:** Unfetter, Liberated**Antonyms:** Restrain**Sentence:** He can unshackle you from the love of money.**45. VENGEANCE (NOUN):** प्रतिशोध**Pronunciation:** ven·jns**Meaning:** the act of seeking revenge or inflicting punishment on someone.**Synonyms:** Payback, Retaliation**Antonyms:** Mercy, Pardon**Sentence:** After years of mistreatment, he finally sought vengeance against his oppressors.**46. NUMB (ADJECTIVE):** सुन्न (अंग)**Pronunciation:** nuhm**Meaning:** a lack of sensation or feeling.**Synonyms:** Frozen, Insensitive**Antonyms:** Alert, Responsive**Sentence:** After sitting in the cold for hours, her fingers became numb and she couldn't feel them.**47. WANTON (ADJECTIVE):** अकारण**Pronunciation:** vawn·tn**Meaning:** showing no care or concern for others; reckless.**Synonyms:** Reckless, malicious, cruel, irresponsible**Antonyms:** Careful, responsible, conscientious, considerate**Sentence:** The wanton destruction of the property angered the community.**48. DISMANTLE (VERB):** अलग करना**Pronunciation:** duhs·man·tl

Meaning: to take apart or pull down; to strip furniture, equipment, or fittings; to disassemble.

Synonyms: Deconstruct, demolish, take apart

Antonyms: Assemble, construct, build, put together

Sentence: The workers were instructed to dismantle the old machinery before installing the new one.

49. AGGRIEVE (ADJECTIVE): व्यथित

Pronunciation: ag·grieve

Meaning: feeling resentment at having been unfairly treated.

Synonyms: agitate, discompose, disquiet, disturb, perturb

Antonyms: satisfy, please, gratify

Sentence: She felt aggrieved at not being chosen for the team.

50. UNDERBELLY (NOUN): कमजोर स्थान

Pronunciation: uhn·duh·beh·lee

Meaning: an area vulnerable to attack; a hidden unpleasant or criminal part of society.

Synonyms: vulnerable spot, weak point, Achilles' heel

Antonyms: stronghold, fortified area

Sentence: Poverty and inequality are the underbelly of our society.

51. STIFLE (VERB): दबाना

Pronunciation: stai·fl

Meaning: restrain (a reaction) or stop oneself acting on (an emotion)

Synonyms: suffocate, choke, smother

Antonyms: inspire, breathe, revive, inhale

Sentence: The children tried to stifle their laughter during class but couldn't hold back their giggles for long.

52. STARTLE (VERB): चौंकाना

Pronunciation: staa·tl

Meaning: cause to feel sudden shock or alarm

Synonyms: shock, stun, astonish, astound, stupefy

Antonyms: assure, soothe, cheer, comfort.

Sentence: If the music is too loud, it will startle the sleeping baby.

53. CALLOUS (ADJECTIVE): कठोर

Pronunciation: ka·luhs

Meaning: showing or having an insensitive and cruel disregard for others

Synonyms: ruthless, merciless, heartless, cruel, unfeeling

Antonyms: sympathetic, compassionate, merciful

Sentence: The professor was callous and cold, and no one wanted to remain the class.

54. ANTECEDENT (NOUN): पूर्वर्ती

Pronunciation: an·tuh·see·dnt

Meaning: a thing that existed before or logically precedes another

Synonyms: previous, preceding, earliest, prior

Antonyms: subsequent, later, after, ensuing, following

Sentence: It is no longer what it was antecedent to the Revolution.

55. UNANIMOUS (ADJECTIVE): एकमत

Pronunciation: yoo·na·nuh·muhs

Meaning: united

Synonyms: like-minded, at one

Antonyms: divided

Sentence: The doctors were unanimous in their diagnoses.

56. CATASTROPHIC (ADJECTIVE): आप तजनक

Pronunciation: ka·tuh·straw·fuhk

Meaning: Disastrous event

Synonyms: Calamitous, Cataclysmic

Antonyms: Fortunate, Blessed

Sentence: His mother's untimely death had a catastrophic effect on him.

57. DETERIORATING (VERB): खराब होना

Pronunciation: duh·teeuh·ree·uh·rayt·uhng

Meaning: To become worse

Synonyms: Collapse, Degenerate

Antonyms: Improvement, Heighten

Sentence: The weather conditions are deteriorating.

58. ANNEXATION (NOUN): राज्य-हरण

Pronunciation: a·neks·ay·shn

Meaning: To take what originally belonged to someone else.

Synonyms: Seizure, Invasion

Antonyms: Detachment, Loss

Sentence: Annexations of suburban territory in 1888 and 1890 greatly increased the area of the city.

59. NEVERMORE (ADVERB): कदा प नहीं

Pronunciation: neh·vuh·maw

Meaning: at no future time; never again.

Synonyms: seldom, never

Antonyms: forever, always, ever

Sentence: Nevermore will Germans draw the sword against one another.

60. BEFITTING (ADJECTIVE): उ चत

Pronunciation: buh·fit·uhng

Meaning: appropriate to the occasion.

Synonyms: proper, acceptable, satisfactory, correct, decorous

Antonyms: improper, wrong, unfitting, inappropriate

Sentence: The museum's silver jubilee was celebrated in a befitting manner.

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